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1. Since soon after the recent UN occupation of Seoul, there have been 170,000 citizens in the city. All but a few of them are old persons or children. In this last occupation, an additional 20 percent* of the buildings were damaged, but the residential areas were relatively untouched.
2. Except for the confiscation of food, the Chinese Communist troops, during their occupation of Seoul, treated the citizens well. The Chinese Communists frequently directed the clearing of the city streets.** The Chinese residents who had remained in Seoul under the Communist occupation cooperated actively with the Chinese Communist troops. A large number of Chinese residents who had left Seoul were returning on 16 March from nearby areas.
3. During the Chinese Communist occupation a small number of Seoul citizens died of starvation. Today the infectious disease rate is nil.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. It is not clear whether 20 percent of the undamaged buildings or of the original total number of buildings is meant.

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** [REDACTED]. The city was clean and free from debris when the UN troops entered it.

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